

## GREEKS ANSWER CALL FROM HOME

Telegraph Ambassador That Richmond Colony Is Ready to Embark.

### AMERICAN CITIZENS, TOO

Volunteers Include Many Who Are Naturalized But Anxious to Defend Greece.

The spirit of Hellas ran high last night at Spark's Hall, 712 East Broad Street, where 250 members of the local Greek colony met under the auspices of the Pan-Hellenic Union, to take counsel over the pending crisis between their fatherland and the hateful Turk. After an hour of patriotic speeches the gathering voted unanimously to answer the royal decree from Athens calling upon all loyal sons of Greece to rally to the defense of the homes which gave them birth. In accordance with this spirit a committee was appointed to inform the Greek ambassador at Washington that 200 of his countrymen in Richmond are ready to leave upon a few hours' notice to join the Greek army. A telegram was sent last night to the ambassador placing at his disposal the services of every patriotic Greek in Richmond, and asking for further instructions. An answer is expected today.

**Americans Citizens in Number.**  
Among those who volunteered their services last night are a number of American citizens. These have, during their residence in this country, taken out naturalization papers and in doing so have necessarily renounced their allegiance to their former sovereign. The apparent anomaly of an American citizen resuming allegiance to a foreign country is a royal commander was justified last night by a Greek who has for some time been a citizen of the United States.

"We do not give up our citizenship," he said. "We have adopted this country for good, and when the trouble is over we will come back. If we go abroad to fight the battles of Greece, it will not be for our fathers and mothers and loved ones. They are still in the old country, and we must protect them from the Turk."

**Speeches Were Warm.**  
The meeting was remarkable for the display of patriotism it called forth. Speeches were made—all in the native tongue—recounting the sufferings of the mother country at the hands of the Turks, and dwelling upon her imminent peril. George Giannios, president as chairman.

The Greek population of the city numbers approximately 400, of which 150 are women and children. Of the 250 or more men able to bear arms, it is reported, 200 are ready to take ship upon short notice for Piræus, the port of Athens. The call to arms which resulted in last night's mass meeting was issued last week by Consul-General D. N. Botass, stationed in New York. The Richmond contingent includes a number of men who have seen service in the Greek army.

### ARREST JOY-RIDERS

Men Who Took Pinckney Car Must Answer Now in Court.

Lee Williams and C. R. Johnson, the two motorists accustomed of taking C. Cotesworth Pinckney's automobile from the Jefferson Garage, 11 West Main Street, and using it without his permission for the purpose of joy rides, were arrested yesterday morning by Detective-Sergeants Bailey and Belton.

A warrant for their arrest was sworn out Saturday afternoon by Mr. Pinckney, who has announced his intention of vigorously prosecuting the case in view of the frequency with which owners' cars are taken and used without permission. It is expected that he will be instrumental in leading other owners to take similar actions in such cases and put an end to a practice which has become a great nuisance.

Johnson and Williams were both bailed for their appearance this morning in Police Court.

## READY TO QUIT BUSINESS TO FIGHT FOR NATIVE LAND

Charley Johnson, Who Came Here With \$75 and Now Owns Three Restaurants Will Answer Ruler's Call to Arms.

Two years ago Charles J. Johnson arrived in Richmond from Greece with less than \$100 in his pocket. He could speak no English, but a high school student could speak Greek, but he quickly picked up the language and the dollars. To-day he owns and operates two restaurants in Broad Street and a bigger one in Main Street, has money in the bank and is buying real estate.

With reasonable business success, he figures to be a rich man in a few years but right now he is preparing and when his business needs all personal attention, he is about ready to quit and go back to Greece to join the army.

"I had not expected to return to my old home so soon," said Johnson last night in almost perfect English. "But the war alarm has been sounded, and once a Greek always a Greek. I have never served in the army, and I can stay here, ignoring the call and go forever exiled from my native land. But my father and mother and brothers and sisters are there, and when the royal command is issued for all loyal sons to return and defend the country, then I must go. If I am needed, I could not stay here and keep my self-respect. About fifty of my fellow-countrymen are preparing to go. We have enough patriotism to hear the call when it is issued, and while I am watching developments, believing somehow that friendly powers will intercede and prevent carnage, I am looking around with a view of placing my properties in other hands while I am gone. If I should be killed, it wouldn't matter, but all of us are on coming back when peace is declared."

When Johnson landed in New York in 1909 he came immediately to Richmond, where he had a brother, and went immediately to work. First he was employed at the Reservoir Park. Keeping the boats in shape and attending a lunch counter. Like all Greeks, he had been taught to save. If he made \$50 one month he saved two-thirds of it—he never spent \$50 when he was earning only \$50. His savings multiplied, and in a little while he went into business on his own account opening a cafe, then another and then another.

"The man who spends more than he makes will never amount to anything," said the Greek last night, "and while my people save, they generally manage to live comfortably. In this city you find hundreds of people who throw away more than they earn. If I had followed that course, I would have been penniless."

And so he would. But he has heard the call from home and he is ready and willing to sacrifice everything to pick up his musket in defense of his native land.

## A KINGS RESIGNS AS LOCAL PASTOR

Goes From Allen Avenue Christian to Larger Church in Columbus, O.

### ANNOUNCEMENT A SURPRISE

Congregation Has No One in Mind Just Now as His Successor.

Announcement was made to the congregation of Allen Avenue Christian Church by Rev. Henry Pearce Atkins at the morning service yesterday that he had finally decided to accept the call extended him by Broad Street Christian Church, of Columbus, Ohio, and that he would begin his new duties on December 1. While it was known that Mr. Atkins had received ten or twelve calls within the past four years, which he had declined, his brief statement that he would leave Richmond caused much surprise and much greater regret in his church. His resignation will be formally submitted to the board of officers, which will accept it at a meeting to be held next Monday night.

**Came Here Eleven Years Ago.**  
Mr. Atkins came to Richmond from Harrisburg, Ky., on April 1, 1901. During his pastorate the congregation has increased from sixty-one to 311. The church in 1901 occupied a frame building on rented property on Morris Street, between Main and Floyd Avenue. It has since acquired the property at the southeast corner of Hanover and Allen Avenues and built on it a house which is the rear portion of a finished building, the total cost being about \$25,000. A large edifice will be eventually erected on that site, and the present structure will be used for Sunday school purposes. The plans call for a building which will seat 1,000 persons.

Only a verbal announcement of his intention to resign was made by Mr. Atkins to his congregation. The church has no one in view at this time as his successor, though the congregation will later appoint a committee charged with the duty of selecting a pastor.

**Goes to Larger Church.**  
Broad Street Christian Church, in Columbus, has a membership of more than 600. It is one of the leading churches of that denomination in the Middle West, and friends of Mr. Atkins believe that he will enter a field of great usefulness. He is not yet forty years old. He served as president of the Anti-Saloon League of Virginia for two years and is president of the Virginia State Mission Board. He has taken a great interest in Young Men's Christian Association work. Mr. Atkins will move his family to Columbus the latter part of next month.

### HID MONEY IN TREE

Detectives Got \$75 Which Boys Are Said to Have Stolen From Grocer.

Two negro youths, Robert Jackson and William Williams, both thirteen years old, were arrested last night by Detective-Sergeants Wiley and Kellam on the charge of stealing \$75 from Richard Washington, a negro grocer of 1104 St. John Street, by whom they were employed. Seventy-five dollars of the money was recovered by Wiley from a hollow tree in the yard of Jackson's home, 106 West Federal Street, where he is said to have confessed to hiding it. About \$4 was found by Kellam under the porch of Williams' home, 1217 St. Paul Street. The remainder the prisoner said they spent at the State Fair grounds which they visited yesterday.

Washington had the money, he said, at his store for the purpose of paying off his employees. The amount stolen, which was in small bills and a large quantity of silver, was in a bag which was lying upon his desk. He was called away for a few minutes and when he returned the bag and money was gone.

He at once notified the police and Wiley and Kellam were assigned to the case. Clues were picked up which resulted in the arrest of Jackson and Williams. On account of their age they will have to be tried in the Juvenile Court.

## DISTRICT COURT IN FALL SESSION

Grand Jury to Be Impaneled Today for Examination of Criminal Charges.

### DOCKET HAS FEW BIG CASES

Violations of Pure Food, Revenue and Postal Laws Hold Important Place.

The grand jury for the fall term of the United States District Court will be impaneled this morning and will proceed at once with the examination of a number of criminal cases awaiting its action. Court will be formally convened at the noon hour to-day by Judge Edmund Waddill, Jr., although the trial of cases will not begin until tomorrow when the petit jury to serve during the present term will be drawn.

While both the civil and criminal dockets are well filled, there will be few cases of commanding importance. A considerable number have been carried over from the last term and an endeavor will be made to clear the docket. Court will be in session daily for several weeks barring a possible intermission for the purpose of transfer to the new Federal building. Judge Waddill will probably suspend the trial of cases on Wednesday to permit court attaches to attend the State Fair, Richmond Day.

**Grocer Arrives To-day.**  
United States District Attorney D. Lawrence Grover, of Norfolk, who succeeds Judge Lunsford L. Lewis, will arrive to-day to take active direction of the prosecution. It will be his first service since his appointment last summer by President Taft. Assistant District Attorney Robert H. Talley will assist Mr. Grover in the conduct of the government's business.

In the list of cases waiting action by the grand jury, infractions of the internal revenue laws hold important place. A number of grain distilleries stand charged with violations, among them two from Henrico County.

The Henrico Distilling Company will answer to the charge of illegally removing whisky-paid spirits to a place other than the warehouse designated by law, and in addition, T. A. Roberts, part owner of the plant, will be arraigned for an alleged assault upon Division Deputy Collector E. P. Southward. The Richmond Distillery Company is a defendant in a case charging infractions of the revenue code.

**Buchanan Case Up.**  
Walter S. Buchanan, of Louisa County, will be tried on the charge of using the United States mails with the intention to practice fraud. An indictment was returned against him by the grand jury at the last term of court, but the case did not reach trial. His operations, it is charged, involved large sums of money and brought loss to a number of dealers from whom he is said to have obtained shipments of goods with no intention of paying for them.

An indictment will be sought against John W. Harrison, president of the Arakon Coffee Company, for the violation of the Pure Food and Drug Act, resulting from the misbranding of a certain grade of coffee. According to the allegations of the government, the company was warned in November 1930, by the Board of Food and Drug Inspection, of the United States Department of Agriculture, against continuing use of a low grade of coffee under a label representing it to be high grade Java. The company, it is charged, violated the order by failing to remove the objectionable label.

## Strange Talk on Laurel Street Car

Former Commissioner Satisfied That Town's Intelligence Doesn't Congregate Aboard.

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## READING FIREMEN VISIT RICHMOND

Company of Volunteers Stop Over En Route to Portsmouth and Other Cities.

### GREETED BY CAPT. TAYLOR

Chief Joynes and Other Officers of Local Department Meet Party at Ashland.

The Marion Hose and Steam Fire Engine Company, No. 10, of Reading, Pennsylvania, arrived in Richmond at 6:30 o'clock last night, and escorted by a detachment of the Richmond Department marched to the Lexington Hotel. The tour of the Reading firemen will extend as far as Portsmouth, to return a visit from the Independent Fire Company of that city. The visitors will be the guests of the Richmond Fire Department at an informal luncheon at the Elk's Club at 11 o'clock this morning. They leave for Portsmouth at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

In neat uniforms and with a large band of musicians and accompanied by a considerable party of women the visitors are travelling in special cars on their annual tour. They left Reading early yesterday morning, spending several hours in Washington, and the itinerary calls for their return to quarters next Saturday night.

**Met at Ashland.**  
Fire Chief W. H. Joynes, Secretary L. S. Jones, and Captain Lawrence and Redwood of the Richmond Department, with Captain Levy, of the Portsmouth Fire Department, went to Ashland yesterday afternoon to welcome the visitors.

At Byrd Street Station a detachment made up of representatives of the various fire companies in Richmond was drawn up with fire department supply wagons for baggage. In the parade formation the visitors were commanded by Captain J. S. Bachman, in front of the Lexington Hotel Captain Charles F. Taylor, president of the Board of Fire Commissioners, spoke briefly, welcoming the Reading firemen and lauding the humanitarian efforts of those banded together to save life and property. William Heider, of the Reading company responded, expressing the hope that a delegation of the Richmond Department would some day visit Reading.

**Have Large Membership.**  
President George J. Trivelp, of the association, explained that the Reading Fire Department is entirely voluntary, there being no paid men in the service. There are thirteen companies having a total membership of more than 1,500. Some of the companies have comfortable club rooms over the engine houses, the companies having been formed not only for fire protection, but for social, and in some instances, for political reasons. The Marion Company No. 10, which arrived here last night, brought ninety-eight men besides the band. The officers are President George J. Trivelp, Vice-President George Fisher, Secretary C. F. Lash, Assistant Secretary Edward O'Brien, Treasurer William D. Jesberg, Trustees John Snyder, E. R. Youse, C. F. Lash, Committee of Arrangements: E. L. Lash, George Weber, George Fisher, Harry Wiley, J. S. Bachman; Marshal of Parade: J. S. Bachman.

Before breaking ranks the visiting firemen were inspected by Chief Joynes and Captain Redwood. To-morrow is to be spent in Portsmouth, leaving Wednesday night by steamer for Washington, where Thursday and Friday will be spent in systematic sight-seeing, the committee having arranged a definite itinerary in advance.

### Gypsy Suspected of Theft.

Catherine Nicholas, a Gypsy, was arrested yesterday by Patrolman Daniels and locked up at the First Police Station as a suspicious character. Suspected of having stolen \$5 from George W. Gaines.

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## BULL MOOSE LADY SEEKING CONVERTS

Miss Juliette Arden Comes to Richmond to Organize Progressive League.

### THINKS THEODORE A CINCH

Satisfied He Is the Only Man Who Can Stop Mob and Stave Off Revolution.

"This country stands on the brink of a terrible revolution the turning of a hand might start it and Theodore Roosevelt is the only man who is big enough to handle the situation," said Miss Juliette Arden, a national organizer and speaker of the Progressive party, who came to Richmond yesterday to form a definite organization and in the local organization she particularly hopes to enlist the support of Richmond women whether they are suffragists or anti-suffragists. The Progressive party does not permit separate organizations of women Progressives; they and the men must be in the same organization.

Miss Arden, who has been a settlement worker in New York for a decade, is very much in earnest about "T. R." as she often refers to him, adopting the popular abbreviation. She will confer to-day with the leading Progressives of Richmond and hopes that a definite organization can be speedily formed so that mass meetings may be held. She has been organizing in New Jersey and Delaware, and after she is through in Virginia, will organize in West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

**Only Man to Stop the Mob.**  
"A very famous New York financier," declared Miss Arden, "said the other day, 'Roosevelt is the only man who could stop the mob from moving up Fifth Avenue if it started.' According to Miss Arden, the reason that men of the Perkins type are supporting Mr. Roosevelt is that they realize that a fearful crisis is impending and believe that he is the only man who can stave off social revolution. Wilson she terms 'a very nice man,' but she is of the opinion that interests are behind him which would tie his hands from reform in the event of his election. 'The Progressive party is not formed to put Theodore Roosevelt in the White House,' she said, 'but to prevent revolution.'"

As an illustration of her belief that Roosevelt will sweep the country, Miss Arden told a story of a man in a Fifth Avenue Hotel who wagered a friend that a majority of his guests were for Roosevelt. A poll was taken and out of the total 128 men guests, Miss Arden says that 128 were for Roosevelt. She also says that in conservative circles where the people are somewhat afraid to speak out, at a moving picture show lately the pictures of the three candidates were shown and that there was no applause for Taft, a little for Wilson, but that pandemonium came when "T. R.'s" picture was shown. A Wilson man is the authority she cites in this case.

**East Side for Bull Moose.**  
In her settlement work in the East Side, Miss Arden took last spring a poll of all the fathers of children with whom she came in contact in her work, and they were overwhelmingly for "T. R." In the East Side there are 100 voters for every one up town, because of the great congestions of population in the former section. Miss Arden says that she found out in the New York presidential primaries last spring that the instructions of the machine Republicans to their election watchers was to repeat every time a Roosevelt man voted and, when a Roosevelt man repeated to have him arrested and then repeat with a machine vote. The people in the factories and the people of the West are overwhelmingly for "T. R." In her opinion, her prediction is that Strauss will carry New York overwhelmingly. "His nomination has made the Progressive party even stronger in New York. Sulzer will have little effect upon the masses," she said.

"The great moneyed interests control an overwhelming number of the newspapers," Miss Arden charged, "and of course, they are against Roosevelt, but they are not fooling the people. A poll of the newspaper readers in the New York street cars or trains will show plainly that Roosevelt is the man."

### Party Will Name Candidate to Oppose Montague in Third Congressional District.

It was decided by the Socialist party of the Third Congressional District, in a convention held in this city yesterday, to put a candidate for Congress in the field to oppose former Governor Andrew Jackson Montague. By unanimous vote, a committee was named with power to select a suitable candidate to represent the principles of socialism, to tender him the nomination, and to file notice of his candidacy with the Secretary of the Commonwealth, so that his name may appear on the official ballot.

The Socialists met in Thompson's Hall, on Broad Street. There was some free discussion of the political outlook. The consensus of opinion was that while go true Socialist will vote for Theodore Roosevelt, the former President will nevertheless get many votes, because of his platform, which would otherwise have gone to Eugene V. Debs. These are characterized as those on the fence, who, dissatisfied with conditions and anxious for change, are not yet thoroughly grounded in the Socialist viewpoint. One speaker estimated the number of votes alienated from Debs by Roosevelt at 500,000. Twenty-two Socialist planks, it was stated, have been appropriated by the Bull Moose.

The party will try to have representatives at the Richmond precincts in the November election to remain until the votes are counted. A feature of the convention was the withdrawal from official position of John T. Chappell, for many years secretary of the party in this city. He declared he was "getting old and fractious," and that another man would do the work more satisfactorily. All efforts to induce him to withdraw his resignation failed, and he announced that from yesterday his official connection with the party was at an end, while renewing his allegiance to the principles of socialism and to the organization.

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## TAX-DODGERS TO FACE GRAND JURY

Hustings Court Gets Report From Auditor Moore on Richmond Cases.

More than fifty presentments will be made to the grand jury in the Hustings Court this morning at 11 o'clock when it is convened for its October term by Judge D. C. Richardson. Commonwealth's Attorney Mintire Folkes has been busy preparing the large number of bills of indictment. After disposing of the criminal cases the jury will be adjourned until next Monday, when it will go into the consideration of the cases of the tax-dodgers in Richmond.

State Auditor C. Lee Moore has mailed to Judge Richardson a compilation of the tax returns for 1932 of persons living within the jurisdiction of his court. It is said that an enormous amount of tax-dodging is vividly shown by the figures. In a letter Auditor Moore points out how the income tax is evaded, and when the grand jury begins its work in these cases it is expected that a sensation will follow.

To-morrow Judge Richardson will face a big docket and will probably consume the entire day in settling cases for trial. Wednesday, Richmond Day at the State Fair, will probably be observed by the court and the jury excused in order to participate in the holiday which has been proclaimed by Mayor Ainslie.

This term promises to be an unusually busy one. There are numerous important cases to come up, including that of Frank Miller, the barber, accused of running over with an automobile and seriously injuring Carl Kuehnmund, the well-known architect.

The cases of Joseph Glanoff, W. A. Burroughs and Charles Guillet, accused of grave offenses against young girls, are also scheduled to be tried at this term.

There will also be numerous and important appeal cases from the Police Court.

In view of this vast docket it is expected that many cases will be continued until succeeding terms.

### RAILWAY EARNINGS

C. & O. and N. & W. Report Big Increase for August.

Operating revenues of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway for the month of August reached a total of \$3,214,298, an increase in the same month last year of \$35,155.31. Operating expenses in the same month were \$1,564,879.10, an increase of \$52,082. The net operating revenues amounted to \$1,249,419.42, an increase of \$113,963, or ten per cent.

The Norfolk and Western Railway for the same month show almost as large an increase. The total operating revenues were \$3,515,532, an increase of \$32,961, the total operating expenses were \$2,372,532, an increase of \$267,997, leaving the net operating revenue \$1,502,290, an increase of \$115,964 or eight per cent.

The Chesapeake and Ohio lines report in operation a mileage of 2,205, and the Norfolk and Western 2,018.36 miles.

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## PRIMARY STATUTE WORSE THAN NONE

Byrd Law Itself Found Useless in First Real Trial in Fourth District.

Not alone the issue between Robert Turnbull and Walter A. Watson will be fought out before the Fourth District Committee in Petersburg tonight. The Byrd primary law itself will be on trial.

When conditions are such as existed in the Fourth District, where there is practically but one political party, it would seem the primary law has no excuse for existence. Republicans may vote as freely as Democrats, under the terms of the statute. This is admitted by the district committee and charged by Representative Turnbull, who specifically says that since Republicans in some counties were permitted to vote for Judge Watson, they should have been allowed to cast their votes for him in Brunswick.

For the same reason there would seem to be no point in the contention of the Congressman that the negro Byrd law chairman in Notoway County voted in the primary. There is nothing in the law to prevent it. If the negro voted for W. A. Land for the House of Delegates last November, he had a right to vote in the primary; if he did not vote then, he could take part in the primary by promising to support the nominee.

The fight might as well have been a free-for-all one on November 5 in the Fourth District. All parties voted anyway, with freedom and under the protection of the law. Party lines have been wiped out there by the law. Partisan committees named the judges of election and administered the law. Speaker Byrd himself said that when the Senate, regarded as distinctly reactionary, got through with his bill he did not recognize it as his own child.

The investigation to-night will not only demonstrate, perhaps, who was nominated for Congress; it will demonstrate, it is expected, regardless of the personal issue between the candidates, that the primary law is worse than useless and that it would have been better had it never been born.

### Howitzer Inspection To-night.

The annual State inspection of the Richmond Howitzers will be made at the armory to-night by Inspector-General Jo Lane Stern. Battalion officers are expected to be present. Captain W. M. Myers has had his muster rolls in preparation for inspection for several days. The inspection always calls out many friends of the battery.

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